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SUBJ: INTERNATIONAL FUND FOR AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT

(IFAD): FAO PROPOSALS RE FAO RELATIONS WITH IFAD

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1. FULL ACCOUNT OF OECD/DAC GROUP ROME MEETING WITH FAO COUNCIL CHAIRMAN GONZALO BULA HOYOS JANUARY 22 HAS BEEN REPORTED SEPTTEL. US. REPRESENTATIVE BASED HIS STATEMENT IN THAT MEETING ON PARAGRAPH TWO, REF A, ADDING EMPHASIS ON OPPOSITION TO BORROWING AUTHORITY, REF B. U.S. REPRESENTATIVE BELIEVES GROUP DEALT WITH PROPOSALS WITH MAXIMUM EFFECTIVENESS, WITH U.S. STATEMENT ON THEIR UN-ACCEPTABILITY COMING IN MIDST OF PARALLEL STATEMENTS FROM GROUP AS WHOLE. MEETING WAS HELD IN FAO MALAYSIA ROOM WITH INTERPRETATION PROVIDED, WHICH MEANS IT WAS SURELY MONITORED BY TOP FAO OFFICIALS, AS HAVE BEEN PARALLEL GROUP 77 SESSIONS.

2. DIRECTOR-GENERAL SAOTMA HAS LISTED IFAD AS SUBJECT FOR HIS MEETING MONDAY AFTERNOON WITH PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES OF OECD/DAC COUNTRIES. THIS DISCUSSION, WILL PROBABLY TURN AT BOTH SIDES' INITIATIVES TO ITALIAN SUGGESTION AT JAN 22 MEETING THAT CLOSE COLLABORATION BETWEEN FAO AND IFAD BE DEVELOPED IN AGREEMENT BETWEEN TWO ORGANIZATIONS, AND TO U.S. RESPONSE TO BULA HOYOS' CONCEPT OF RELATIONS BETWEEN TWO ORGANIZATIONS. U.K. (LANDYMORE) IN JAN 22 MEETING PICKED UP

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AND AGREED WITH BULA HOYOS' OPENING REMARKS THAT FAO SHOULD

BE "APRINCIPAL INSTRUMENT" IN IFAD PROJECTS, BUT NOT HAVE MONOPOLY OVER THEM. AUSTRALIA (ALPEN) CONVEYED HIS GOVERNMENT'S VIEW THAT FAO DOES NOT HAVE PRIMARY COMPETENCE IN FINANCIAL OR DEVELOPMENT FIELD, WHICH RESTS INSTEAD IN INTERNATIONAL AND REGIONAL BANKS.

3. U.S. REPRESENTATIVE BELIEVES THESE TWO MEETINGS WILL DEAL ADEQUATELY WITH FAO PROPOSALS, ALTHOUGH HAVING BEEN PRESENTED THEY CANNOT BE ALTOGETHER FORGOTTEN. HE SEES NO POINT IN TALKING FURTHER WITH FAO AT THIS STAGE. GROUP 77 WORKING GROUP ON IFAD IS CHAIRED BY CAMARA OF GUINEA, BUT MOST USEFUL CONTACTS WOULD BE SUDEARY OF SAUDI ARABIA AND BOYAGBOUNA OF NIGERIA, WHO IS CHAIRMAN OF IFAD MEETING. SUDEARY IS GIVING EARLY LUNCHEON FOR HEADS OF MAIN DELEGATIONS, AND WANTS TO ARRANGE PRIVATE LUNCHEON TUESDAY OR ANOTHER DAY EARLY IN SESSION WITH HEAD OF U.S. DELEGATION BIRNBAUM.VOLPE

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